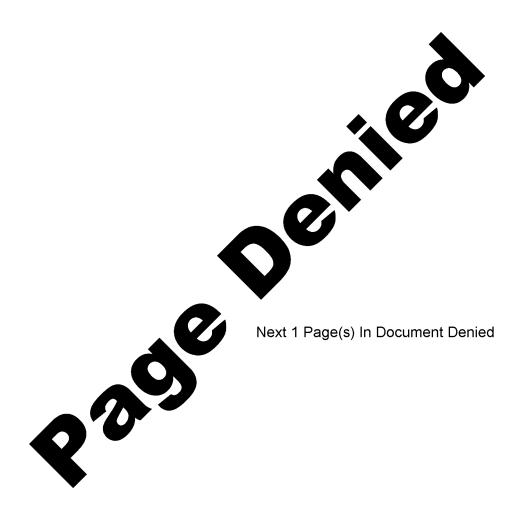


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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: National ELINT Plan-1982 (NEP-82) (U)

- 1. (S-TK) I have approved the attached National ELINT Plan which was prepared by a working group chaired by a senior member of my staff and composed of members of the four Military Services, the Defense Intelligence Agency, National Reconnaissance Office, the Intelligence Community Staff, and the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering. The completed document has been coordinated with each of the participating organizations, the Joint Staff Directors of Operations (J3) and Plans and Policy (J5), and the Unified and Specified Commands as requested in a Secretary of Defense memorandum of 12 November 1981. The plan has received strong community support. It reflects a widely held commitment to evolve a more coherent US ELINT program. The plan provides, inter alia, details of National, Departmental, and Tactical users requirements, current capabilities, and shortfalls. It recommends a series of twenty-five planning objectives which I believe can be, and indeed are being, used to develop planning baselines and programming architecture for ELINT budgeting and operations.
- 2. (S) This plan is a further step in developing community processes to guide National ELINT planning, programming, and budgeting. I have recently sent you a related memorandum which describes the results of the first annual cross-program ELINT review conference. I intend to use the 1983 ELINT programming conference to assess our progress toward the FY85-80 NFIP and TIARA planning objectives proposed in the NEP-82.

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- (U) We anticipate the need to periodically revise the plan. It will be reviewed for currency on an annual basis and updated when required.
- (U) With the promulgation of the National ELINT Plan-1982, we will have reached a significant milestone in community ELINT planning. We will now work with the appropriate organizations to vigorously implement its objectives.
- I have also sent the plan to the Secretary of Defense and will subsequently send copies to the appropriate Congressional staffs. I urge that its major planning objectives, that have been so strongly supported by the ELINT Community, be reflected in the coming years' NFIP guidance.

LINCOLN D. FAURER Lieutenant General, USAF Director, NSA/Chief, CSS

Encl: a/s

NATIONAL ELINT PLAN

1982

6 August 1982

Approved by:

LINCOLN D. FAURER Lieutenant General, USAF Director, NSA/Chief, CSS

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